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A.—(*a*), (*b*), (*c*) & (*d*) The hon. Member is referred to Chapter V of the "Report of the Royal Commission on Agriculture in India" which contains the most recent information on the subject of his questions. No proposals for legislation in Madras are at present under the consideration of Government.

Mr. A. Parasurama Rao :—"May I know if this was one of the subjects considered at the Collectors' conference held recently?"

The hon. the President :—"I am afraid it cannot be allowed to be put as a supplemental question."

Mr. T. Adinarayana Chettiyar :—"Are the Government aware, Sir, that in Baroda an experiment in fragmentation has been successfully tried?"

The hon. Sir Norman Marjoribanks :—"I am extremely interested to hear that an experiment in fragmentation has been tried."

Mr. T. Adinarayana Chettiyar :—"Are the Government aware of the experiment and are they taking any interest in following that?"

The hon. Sir Norman Marjoribanks :—"I take it, Sir, that the hon. Member wishes to inform Government that the experiment in consolidation of holdings is taking place in Baroda."

Mr. Mahamud Schamnad :—"Are the Government aware that people —that is, petty landholders—are against any consolidation of small holdings?"

The hon. Sir Norman Marjoribanks :—"I believe there is considerable difference of opinion on the point."

Mr. G. Harisarvottama Rao :—"May I know from the hon. the Revenue Member whether the Government consider it necessary at all to bring in some kind of legislation in this matter?"

The hon. Sir Norman Marjoribanks :—"There has been no decision on that point so far."

Mr. C. Ramasomayajulu :—"The answer says: 'No proposals for legislation in Madras are at present under the consideration of Government.' Clause (*b*) of the question asks whether there is a proposal for legislation to put a stop to fragmentation. Has this question been under the consideration of Government?"

The hon. Sir Norman Marjoribanks :—"The first difficulty in the matter is to ascertain the facts regarding fragmentation."

Survey

Re-survey in South Kanara.

*229 *Q.*—Mr. J. A. Saldanha : Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) how far the re-survey has been carried on in South Kanara and how far it is proposed or decided to extend it further;

(*b*) whether complaints have been received in connexion with the re-survey done in the Kasaragod taluk, and if so, in what respects;

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(*c*) whether Mr. Firth, the acting Director of Survey, was deputed to inquire into the complaints and what recommendations he has made ;

(*d*) whether Revenue and Settlement officers have been collecting back assessments on the basis of re-survey ; if so, how much has been collected, and from which class of lands ;

(*e*) whether Government have received any representation from the South Kanara Landholders' Association and from the ryots concerned for suspending the collection of revenue ; and

(*f*) what steps Government have taken or are going to take thereon ?

A.—(*a*) Re-survey has been carried out in the villages other than the Kumeri villages of the old Kasaragod taluk. The Government have ordered the re-survey of the Kumeri villages in the Kasaragod taluk. The question whether a re-survey is necessary in the other taluks of the South Kanara district is engaging the attention of the Government.

(*b*) Yes. Complaints have been received in respect of the following :—

(1) Inclusion of channel bunds in porambokes.
(2) Levy of back assessment and collection of land value on excess areas found at the re-survey.
(3) Issue of joint pattas and clubbing of fields.
(4) Wrong demarcations.
(5) Demarcation of Kumki.
(6) Omission of names in Mulgeni patta.
(7) Resurvey charges.
(8) Village boundary survey.

(*c*) Yes. The recommendations of the Director of Survey are referred to in the order recently issued by the Government on the subject. A copy of the order has been sent to the Honorary Secretary, South Kanara Landholders' Association.

(*d*) Yes. The Government have no information about the amount collected.

(*e*) Yes.

(*f*) The Board of Revenue has been requested to issue instructions to the Special Settlement officer not to levy back assessment nor to collect the value of the land in cases of excess area. The Government have also issued orders that the amounts (if any) already collected on that account should be refunded.

Mr. J. A. Saldanha :—" May I enquire whether the experimental re-survey has not been made in certain villages of the Kumeri and Mangalore taluks outside the old Kasaragod taluk ? I find from a report recently issued by the Settlement officer that about twenty villages in those taluks have been re-surveyed experimentally."

The hon. Sir Norman Marjoribanks :—" I would not say that the number is so large ; but certain villages were experimentally re-surveyed in order to enable a decision to be come to as to whether the whole taluk should be re-surveyed or not."

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Mr. K. R. Karant :—" May I know, with reference to the answer to clause (*c*), whether the order passed by the Government refers to all the points raised in the answer to clause (*b*) or only to the first one."

The hon. Sir Norman Marjoribanks :—" Yes, all the points are included, Sir."

Village Establishments

Number of suspended village monigars in Polur taluk.

* 230 *Q.*—Mr. T. Adinarayana Chettiyar : Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased—

(i) to lay on the table a statement showing the number of village monigars in Polur taluk, North Arcot district, who were suspended for slackness in collection work during the last kist season ; and

(ii) to state—

(*a*) in how many cases appeals were preferred to the Collector and how many of them were allowed ;

(*b*) whether it is a fact that when appeals were allowed, the Collector of North Arcot declined to grant the monigar appellants the salaries due to them for the period of suspension although he found the orders of suspension unjust and untenable ; and

(*c*) whether it is a fact that the monigars of Edapparai, Mambut, Modaiyur and Tirusur, who had shown nil balances by the first week of May, were kept under suspension in the month of July after the fasli year was over for alleged slackness in collection work ?

A.—(i) & (ii) (*a*), (*b*) & (*c*) The Government have no information on the subject of these questions and no representation has reached them on the subject. As it is open to any village officer who considers himself unjustly treated to make representations to higher authority, the Government do not propose to call for a report in the matter.

Mr. T. Adinarayana Chettiyar :—" Are the Government aware that several village officers had to borrow heavily from professional money-lenders to find the money for kist, owing to the unsympathetic attitude of the Collector towards the village officers and their fear of dismissal ? "

The hon. Sir Norman Marjoribanks :—" No, Sir."

Mr. T. Adinarayana Chettiyar :—" Will the Government be pleased to call for the information ? "

The hon. Sir Norman Marjoribanks :—" No, Sir."

Grant of allowance to karnams attending taluk offices.

* 231 *Q.*—Mr. G. Harisarvottama Rao : Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the question of the grant of allowances to karnams attending taluk offices has been finally settled ; and

(*b*) if it has been settled, from what date and at what rates the Government propose to pay such allowances ?